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1. After 20 August 1953, about five artillery regiments which had been attached to the Chinese Communist army in Korea arrived in groups at Ssup'ingchieh (N 43-11, E 124-22) where they took over the defense positions previously held by artillery units of the Northeast China Military Area (NECMA).¹ The newly arrived troops, who had all seen combat in Korea, were to be re-grouped, re-equipped, expanded into two divisions, and undergo a short-term training program of ten weeks.²
2. On 4 September KAO Ts'un-hsin (7559/1317/0207), artillery commander of the Chinese Communist army in Korea, and SUNG Ch'eng-chih (1345/2110/1807), deputy artillery commander of the NECMA, inspected the regrouping program at Ssup'ingchieh. In an address to the troops, KAO stated that they were to be assigned to the defense of the Shanhaikuan (N 44-01, E 119-47) coastal area.
3. In August the NECMA Command organized four replacement training divisions from basic cadre militia of the Northwest provinces who had been transferred to Mukden and Kirin for training from June to August 1953.³ The replacement divisions were to consist of 6,500 to 7,000 men each and were to be disposed as follows:
 - a. The 4 Division at Hunho (N 41-44, E 123-26)
 - b. The 6 Division at Liaoyang (N 41-46, E 123-12)
 - c. The 6 Division at Meihok'ou (N 42-32, E 125-41)
 - d. The 7 Division at Kirin City.

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1. This is the second report this office has received indicating a withdrawal of Chinese Communist artillery units from Korea during August. another usually reliable source reported that two Chinese Communist artillery regiments arrived in the Tientsin area from Korea on 15 August.
2. Available information indicates that Mukden is probably the major artillery training center in Manchuria; however, another agency has a report which placed a 6 Artillery School in Ssup'ingchieh in 1951.
3. Although the regiment has generally been the basic unit used in the Chinese Communist replacement system for Korea, replacements divisions are known to have been formed occasionally. A recent study based on POW interrogations and published by another American agency indicates that replacement units have generally been formed from field force units or civilian conscripts, rather than from militia forces.

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